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1. EMBASSY OFFICER CONSULTED WITH AMBASSADOR JUAN M. FIGUERERO, SECRETARY PRO TEM OF MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS CONCERNING PLANS FOR THE MARCH MEETING.

2. SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: AMBASSADOR FIGUERERO SAID THAT ARGENTINA HAS BEEN URGING URUGUAY TO MAKE A PROPOSAL FOR HOLDING MEETING OF WG/STT. HE SAID THAT BRAZIL HAS REQUESTED THAT URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT NOT CONVOKE MEETING PRIOR TO JANUARY 28, SINCE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF OTHER CONFLICTING MEETINGS DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY. HE ADDED THAT BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA ARE URGING URUGUAY TO MAKE PROPOSAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR PLANNING. CONFIRMING REPORT IN PARA 5 REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR FIGUERERO SAID THAT THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATIONS THREE DAYS BEFORE THE

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BEGINNING OF THE MEETING WITH THE US. HE COMMENTED THAT THIS

MEANS THAT THE BRAZILIANS ARE COMING AROUND TO THE ARGENTINE WAY OF THINKING, THAT INTER-AMERICAN MEETINGS INCLUDING THE US SHOULD BE PRECEDED BY LATIN AMERICAN CAUCUS, RATHER THAN HOLDING THE CAUCUSES DURING THE MEETINGS AS HAPPENED AT SANTIAGO.

3. TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. AMBASSADOR FIGUERERO REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEND HIM COPIES OF DOCUMENTS ON THE PREVIOUS MEETING. HE WANTS THE TEXTS (IN ALL LANGUAGES IN WHICH THEY WERE PUBLISHED) OF THE WASHINGTON COMMUNIQUE AND ALL STATEMENTS BY COUNTRY SPOKESMEN. HE IS MAKING THE SAME REQUEST TO MEXICO CONCERNING THE TLAZOLTECO MEETING.

4. MARCH MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. AMBASSADOR FIGUERERO SAID THAT IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE TO HAVE THE MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES AND NOT IN BARILOCHE, UNLESS THERE IS A MARKED CHANGE FOR THE WORSE IN THE SECURITY SITUATION. HE SAID THAT THE PROBLEMS IN BARILOCHE WOULD BE VERY SERIOUS. MAIN PROBLEM WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT FIRST CLASS HOTEL ROOMS FOR DELEGATES AND PRESS. HE FELT THE LOGISTIC PROBLEMS WOULD ALSO BE VERY GREAT. TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SECURITY FOR THE MEETING, WHEREVER IT IS HELD, HE IS CONSIDERING USING A SYSTEM WHICH, HE SAID, WORKED WELL AT THE MEETING OF THE "NON-ALIGNED" COUNTRIES AT ALGIERS. WITH THIS SYSTEM, EACH DELEGATION GETS ONE GOLD BADGE AND FIVE SILVER BADGES TO PERMIT ADMISSION TO MEETING ROOM. THE HEAD OR ACTING HEAD OF THE DELEGATION WEARS THE GOLD BADGE AND HE ALLOCATES THE SILVER BADGES TO WHOMEVER HE WISHES ON HIS DELEGATION. THUS, NO MORE THAN SIX PEOPLE FROM EACH DELEGATION COULD BE IN THE HALL AT ONE TIME. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BADGES DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE SIX, BUT IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE AS A SECURITY MEASURE, THE NUMBER SHOULD BE RELATIVELY SMALL. HE ASKED FOR AN INFORMAL REACTION OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO THIS IDEA. REQUEST RESPONSE ASAP.

5. ATTENDANCE OF CUBA AT MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. EMBOFF INQUIRED CONCERNING A STORY APPEARING IN "CRONISTA COMERCIAL" (A MORNING BUSINESS NEWSPAPER) FOR DEC 9, IN WHICH PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, DE LA FLOR VALLE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "CUBAN PARTICIPATION AT BUENOS AIRES IS NOW THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE REPLIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FROM A MAJORITY OF THE GOVERNMENTS THEY HAVE CONSULTED CONCERNING THE ATTENDANCE OF CUBA AT THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING." THE STORY WENT ON TO SAY THAT "IT HAD BEEN ANNOUNCED ON THE 10TH OF OCTOBER THAT A FORMAL INVITATION HAD BEEN EXTENDED TO CUBA HAVING BEEN AUTHORIZED BY A MAJORITY OF LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS, AND THEREFORE CUBA'S ATTENDANCE COULD BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED." AMBASSADOR FIGUERERO REPLIED THAT THIS REPORT WAS NOT TRUE. HE SAID THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT MAKING ANY

CONSULTATIONS UNTIL IT HAD RECEIVED WORD CONCERNING THE POSITION
OF THE US GOVERNMENT, WHICH IT HOPED TO RECEIVE SOMETIME IN
DECEMBER. HE DID NOT KNOW THAT THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER
WAS PLANNING TO MAKE ANY SUCH STATEMENT, AND HE DID NOT KNOW ON
WHAT BASIS HE MADE IT. DECON 12/10/75.

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